

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2006-166-E - ORDER NO. 2006-590  
OCTOBER 13, 2006

IN RE: Joint Petition of Edisto Electric Cooperative, Inc. and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Reassignment of Territory and Transfer of Customers in Barnwell County.	)	ORDER GRANTING JOINT PETITION FOR REASSIGNMENT OF TERRITORY
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Joint Petition of Edisto Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Edisto”) and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) (jointly “Petitioners”) for reassignment of territory in Barnwell County pursuant to the Territorial Assignment Act found at S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-610 *et seq.* (1976)(Supp. 2005).

Specifically, this proceeding arises under the Commission’s authority in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-650 (Supp. 2005) to reassign the service area of one electric supplier to another. Section 58-27-650 states “[the] Public Service Commission, upon agreement of the affected electric suppliers, is authorized to reassign to one electric supplier any area or portion thereof theretofore assigned to another...” SCE&G is an “electric supplier” under the jurisdiction of the Commission as defined by S.C. Code Ann. 58-27-610(1) (1976). Edisto is an electric cooperative meeting the definition of an “electric supplier” under the limited jurisdiction of the Commission as defined by S.C. Code Ann. 58-27-610(1) (1976).

In conformity with the statutory authority of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-650, Petitioners request the Commission to reassign a parcel of land consisting of approximately 0.8 of a square mile in Barnwell County from SCE&G to Edisto. According to the Petition, “this parcel is located north of the City of Barnwell and bordered on the west by U.S. Highway 278, on the south by Nappier Road, on the east by Turkey Creek, and on the north by the existing northern boundary of the SCE&G service territory for the area around the City of Barnwell.” Jnt. Pt. at 2. The Joint Petition asserts that, while SCE&G maintains no facilities within this area, the location contains both facilities and customers of Edisto.

Edisto serves fourteen (14) commercial customers on the west side of U.S. Highway 278. Petitioners seek Commission authority for Edisto to discontinue serving these customers and for SCE&G to commence serving them. *Id.* These customers received two letters from Edisto explaining the intent of the parties. Ex. C and D of Jnt. Pt. All 14 of Edisto’s customers agreed to become customers of SCE&G, however, Edisto will continue to serve one customer on the west side of the Highway. Jnt. Pt. at 2.

In addition to SCE&G’s exchange of 0.8 of a square mile of property for all but one of Edisto’s customers within this area, SCE&G agreed to purchase all of Edisto’s lines and facilities serving Edisto’s customers located in the territory at issue. Ex. F of Jnt. Pt. The purchase price of these facilities is \$5,175.71. Jnt. Pt. at 2. After SCE&G’s purchase and Edisto’s handing over of customers in exchange for the transfer of land to Edisto, Petitioners agree that Edisto will retain no corridor rights, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-27-629(c) and (d), except to serve one remaining customer. *Id.*

To further their request, Petitioners claim that no facilities or territories of any other electric supplier will be affected by these proposed changes. *Id.* Petitioners also assert that each is capable of furnishing adequate and dependable service in the areas of the proposed changes. *Id.* at 3. In this regard, both SCE&G and Edisto argue that granting the proposed changes is within the public interest. *Id.*

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Petitioners propose to transfer 0.8 of a mile of property in Barnwell County from SCE&G to Edisto.

2. The property related to the proposed transfer is located north of the City of Barnwell and bordered on the west by U.S. Highway 278, on the south by Nappier Road, on the east by Turkey Creek, and on the north by the existing northern boundary of the SCE&G service territory for the area around the City of Barnwell.

3. Edisto serves fourteen (14) commercial customers on the west side of U.S. Highway 278 that will be handed over to SCE&G as a part of the proposed territory transfer, and these customers received individual notice of the change in their electric supplier.

4. The fourteen (14) customers subjected to the change in their electric supplier do not object to this change.

5. Edisto will continue to serve one premise on the west side of U.S. Highway 278.

6. SCE&G agrees to purchase all of Edisto's lines and facilities serving Edisto's customers located in the territory at issue.

7. No facilities or territories of any other electric supplier will be affected by the proposed changes.

8. Petitioners are capable of furnishing adequate and dependable service in the areas of the proposed changes.

9. Petitioner's proposed changes are in the public interest.

10. The transfers are authorized by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-650 (Supp. 2005).

11. The transfers should be approved as filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

For the foregoing reasons, the reassignment of territory, customers, lines, and facilities between SCE&G and Edisto in Barnwell County is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

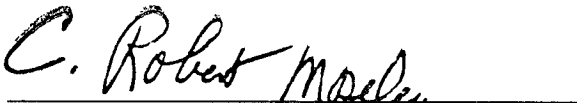
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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